

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3, 6, 9, 11, 12 and 15 are hereby currently pending in the referenced application.

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

Specification Objections

The Examiner objected to the disclosure because of the following informalities: the specification must be thoroughly checked for typographical errors, such as "convention unit". Applicants have amended the specification per the Examiner's suggestion. No new matter has been added.

Drawing Objections

The Examiner objected to Figures 1 - 4c of the drawings because of poor quality. Applicants respectfully resubmit amended Figures 1, 2, 3, 4a, 4b and 4c in compliance with 37 C.F.R § 1.84. Formal figures will be submitted in the next thirty days.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 1, 2, 6, 9 and 15 because of the following informalities: the terminology must be consistent throughout the claims. Applicants have amended the claims per the Examiner's suggestion. No new matter has been added.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 6, 9, 11-12, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,094,347 (hereinafter "Bhatia") in view of U.S. Patent 6,0038,128 (hereinafter "Hood").

35 U.S.C. § 103 Conditions for patentability; nonobvious subject matter

(c) Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

The prior art combined by the examiner to reject applicant's pending claims as being unpatentable, are owned by the same person, and were owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person at the time the claimed invention was made. In particular, the present pending application is assigned to the Intel Corp. The cited reference of Bhatia is currently assigned to the Intel Corp., and was assigned or subject to an obligation of assignment to the Intel Corp. at the time the presently claimed invention was made.

Therefore, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 103 c, the cited reference of Bhatia, is not to preclude the patentability of the applicant's claims.

CONCLUSION

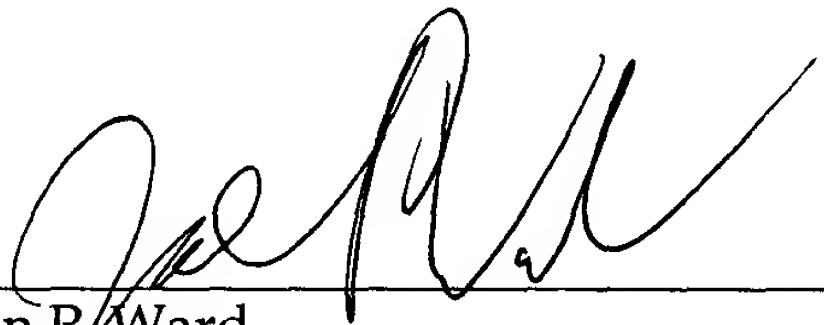
Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call John Ward at (408) 720-8300, x237.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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